course of action either to work the concern by the Government or to take steps to realise the loan advanced to the Company;

(6) if they are still waiting for some one to make an acceptable offer with reasonable terms, why do not they advertise their intention in the *Madras*, *Bombay* and *Calcutta Dailies*?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(1) A suit has been filed against the Company to recover the loan.

(2) This alternative does not now arise.

(3) and (4) None that the Government are aware of.

(5) and (6) Vide answer to parts (1) and (2).

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know at what stage the suit is now, and whether it has been decreed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has not been decreed.

President.—The suit has been filed. Notices will have to go to the defendants, they have to put in written statement, etc. All these will have to follow.

Law Reporters.

77. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state the names of the Law Reporters in their successive order from the time this office was created up-to-date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Law Reporters in their successive order are

Messrs.—(1) Marayil Krishna Menon
(2) C. S. Subramania Ayyar
(3) M. P. Cherian
(4) Karimpatta Achyuta Menon
(5) T. S. Narayana Ayyar
(6) T. G. Anantanarayana Ayyar
(7) P. Padmanabha Menon
(8) S. Govinda Menon

Promotion of teachers.

78. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether promotions of teachers are made according to seniority, and if not, on what other considerations they are made;

(b) are Science and lady graduates given Dreference to other graduates in the same grade in giving promotion;

(c) what is the starting salary given in the department to those who have passed (1) M. A., (2) B. L. and (3) B. A. (Hons.) Degree examinations and whether these graduates will be given (because of the higher qualifications they possess) preference to other graduates in giving promotions;

(d) what is the starting salary given to ordinary graduates in the Department;

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(e) how many graduate teachers there are in the Secondary Department?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Not entirely. Efficient work, superior qualifications, requirements of particular institutions are among the other considerations.

(b) Not in every grade nor at all times.

(c) No such salary has been fixed. No such assurance can be given, but due consideration will be given to higher qualifications.

(d) Not fixed.

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79. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any preference will be given to teachers trained in Industries and Agriculture in giving promotions;

(b) whether they will be given a higher starting salary than what is given to other teachers?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Preference will depend on good work and not merely on training.

(b) The question of starting salary does not arise since only those already in service are selected for training at Sirkar expense.

Transfer of teachers.

80. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the principle followed in transferring teachers from one place to another, if any principle is followed in this matter;

(b) the names of graduate teachers who have not been transferred for the last 5 years?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Transfers are generally made in the interests of schools or of teachers.

(b) There are many graduates who have not been transferred because there was no necessity or because they were in charge of special subjects or institutions, e. g., the Principal and Professors of Maharaja's College.

The preparation of the list called for would involve great labour and may not serve any useful purpose.

Half-time system in schools.

81. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the Table a list of (a) aided schools and (b) Sirkar schools in which half-time system has been introduced and state what will be the amount saved last year by the introduction of the system?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Two lists (a) and (b) are placed on the Council Table.

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